

~~[(1)] (I) a health care service, benefit, coverage, or reimbursement for covered health care services that is required under this article or the Health General Article to be provided or offered in a health benefit plan that is issued or delivered in the State by a carrier; or~~

~~[(2)] (II) reimbursement required by statute, by a health benefit plan for a service when that service is performed by a health care provider who is licensed under the Health Occupations Article and whose scope of practice includes that service.~~

~~(2) THE COMMISSION MAY NOT EXCLUDE COVERAGE FOR IN VITRO FERTILIZATION PROCEDURES AS REQUIRED UNDER § 15-810 OF THIS TITLE.~~

~~(f) The Standard Plan shall include uniform deductibles and cost sharing associated with its benefits, as determined by the Commission.~~

~~(g) In establishing cost sharing as part of the Standard Plan, the Commission shall:~~

~~(1) include cost sharing and other incentives to help prevent consumers from seeking unnecessary services;~~

~~(2) balance the effect of cost sharing in reducing premiums and in affecting utilization of appropriate services; and~~

~~(3) limit the total cost sharing that may be incurred by an individual in a year.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act ~~shall apply~~ applies to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1, 2000. ~~Any policy, contract, or health benefit plan in effect before October 1, 2000, shall comply with the provisions of this Act no later than October 1, 2001.~~

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

Approved May 11, 2000.

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## CHAPTER 283

### (House Bill 350)

AN ACT concerning

#### Health Insurance - Coverage for In Vitro Fertilization

FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from excluding certain benefits for in vitro fertilization under certain circumstances; providing that the requirement that the patient and the patient's spouse have a history of infertility of a certain